



Manchester City Schools

Reopening Plan 2020-2021

Family Information

7/14/2020

Manchester City Schools students will return to school on August 3, 2020. Our priorities are the health and safety of students and staff and providing academic instruction to prepare students for the future.

- Schools will open in a traditional manner with a virtual option for families. This choice must be made for planning purposes no later than Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Parents will declare their intent for learning using the following link: ([Family Survey](#)).
- MCS will focus on making decisions that are practical and feasible with a student-centered approach.
- Flexibility will be important as information related to COVID-19 changes daily.

Instructional adjustments may need to be made over the course of the 2020-2021 school year.

- Communication will occur regularly through the following methods: MCS email, Facebook, Twitter, Local Media Outlets, and School Messenger for families.

Health and Safety Protocols

★ Precautions will be implemented including, but not limited to:

- Hand-sanitizing stations for all classrooms and common spaces
- Thoughtful group sizes will be established that are feasible and practical in a school setting
- Face coverings for students are recommended but not mandatory
- Signage will be posted in all buildings encouraging frequent handwashing and social distancing
- Students and staff should remain home if they are sick
- Faculty and staff will have temperature taken as they enter the school building
- Parents are requested to take your child's temperature prior to sending him/her to the

school building - temperature checks will be conducted at all schools.

Academic Instruction

★ Traditional Instruction

- Daily instruction will be provided for all students in-person while adhering to additional safety guidance related to group sizes, handwashing, and cleaning.

★ Virtual Instruction

- Virtual learning will be provided for families as an alternate option. Specific guidance about requirements for virtual learning including grading and learning expectations will be provided.

★ Student Supports

- Attendance modifications and virtual supports will be made as necessary to support immunocompromised students. Meetings will be conducted at the school level to determine specific supports for each student's unique needs.
- If another long term closure occurs, Manchester City Schools will provide alternate learning options.

Operations

★ Visitors

- Visitors to buildings during normal operating hours will be limited by appointment only.
- All visitors will have a health and temperature screening.

★ Custodial Services

- enhanced daily and weekly cleaning protocols

★ Afterschool Journey Program

- Operational at both elementary sites
- follow enhanced cleaning and safety protocols

★ Extracurricular Activities

- be prepared for updates as information becomes available from the TDOE, TSSAA and CDC

★ Health Services

- School nurses available at all 3 sites
- hand-sanitizer available at all classrooms and common spaces
- handwashing breaks provided where feasible
- personal hygiene practices encouraged
- daily staff and student temperature checks

★ School Nutrition

- grab-and-go meals available
- spaced seating and alternate eating locations to limit group sizes where feasible
- enhanced cleaning protocols including the increased use of PPE

Procedures for a confirmed case of COVID-19

- If a positive test for COVID-19 occurs in a school building with a student or staff member, district and school administrators will work with local health officials who will take the lead on notifications and contact tracing.
- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school administrators should notify other staff while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA).
- Potential school closure will be based on the level of risk determined by the school/district. If the school is closed due to COVID-19, then virtual learning will be initiated.
- If a closure is needed for intensive cleaning, communication will be provided.
- The student/staff member with COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to school for a minimum of 14 calendar days and must be fever free for 72 hours immediately prior to returning.